

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Gail S. Ford

v.

Civil No. 09-cv-00285-JL

US Department of Veterans
Affairs, Secretary

**ORDER AFTER PRELIMINARY
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE**

The Preliminary Pretrial Conference was held in chambers on
December 14, 2009.

The Discovery Plan (document no. 6) is approved as
submitted.

Summary Judgment. The parties and counsel are advised that
compliance with Rule 56(e) and Local Rule 7.2(b), regarding
evidentiary support for factual assertions, and specification and
delineation of material issues of disputed fact, will be
required.

Discovery disputes. Discovery disputes will be handled by
the undersigned judge, as opposed to the Magistrate Judge, in the
normal course. No motion to compel is necessary. The party or
counsel seeking discovery-related relief should confer with
adverse counsel to choose mutually available dates, and then

contact the Deputy Clerk to schedule a conference call with the court. The court will inform counsel and parties what written materials, if any, should be submitted in advance of the conference call.

Customary motions to compel discovery, while disfavored by the undersigned judge, are nonetheless permissible. If counsel prefer traditional discovery litigation to the conference call procedure set forth above, any such motion to compel should expressly request, in the title of the motion, a referral to the United States Magistrate Judge. Such referral requests will normally be granted. If the Magistrate Judge is recused, alternate arrangements will be made.

SO ORDERED.



Joseph N. Laplante
United States District Judge

Dated: December 14, 2009

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